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SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE GDR; NEW MEDICAL FACILITIES IN HUNGARY, RUMANIA

ONE PHYSICIAN FOR EVERY 2,000 PERSONS IN GDR -- Hannover, Hannoversche Presse, 11 Nov 53

The SPD (Social Democratic Party) in West Germany issued a report on 10 November 1953 on the disastrous state of public health in the GDR. The report, which cites official GDR statistics, states there is such a shortage of medical personnel in the GDR that there is only one physician for every 2,000 inhabitants. In comparison, West Germany has one physician for every 50 inhabitants. The SPD report believes that the total lack of consideration for the workers' physical condition by the GDR construction program is responsible for this situation.

According to a report by the GDR Metallurgical Workers Union, the sickness rate within this trade union increased from 8.1 percent in January 1953 to 21.8 percent in May 1953. Similar increases are reported by other trade unions.

POLYCLINIC TRAIN BUILT IN BUCHAREST -- Nicosia, Neos Dimokratis, 11 Oct 53

Recently a polyclinic train was built in Bucharest to serve labor centers in various remote parts of the country. This train has ten doctors and ten nurses, and is equipped with modern equipment, refrigeration car, chemical laboratory, and a specialized center. The doctors' and nurses' quarters are located in the rear part of the train. One car is used as library, clubroom, and dining room.

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SANATORIUM FOR MINERS IN HUNGARY -- Paris, Echo ${\it cas}$ Mines et de la Metallurgie, Sep ${\it 53}$

The chateau of Sikonda, in the southwest of Hungary, has been converted into a sanatorium for miners. This is the old residence of the Bishop of Pecs, and has a park and fishponds and vast terraces and quiet rooms. The sanatorium, which functions only at night, receives workers from the coal mine at Komlo who have need of rest. The miners are submitted to a periodic examination to uncover any pathological changes which may occur.



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